

# High Performance Teaming of Students



## Leo Elementary is Making it Happen!



**WE ARE** an Allen County area public school district, one of the largest in area in Indiana, encompassing southeast Fort Wayne, all of Leo-Cedarville, Monroeville, New Haven, and Woodburn.

**OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES** are 90% White, 4% Hispanic, 3% Multi-Racial, and 3% Asian. We are 14% free and reduced lunch.

**OUR TEACHERS** are very experienced. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade HPT classroom team includes three former instructional coaches, a technology coach, a former district-testing coordinator and a state semi-finalist for teacher of the year.

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** called the High Performance Teaming (HPT) classroom incorporates creativity, communication, critical thinking, and collaboration with a focus on building relationships. Students begin the year with a 6-week PBL on team-building, working collaboratively and maneuvering around our technology-enhanced classroom. In the second quarter we build on HPT skills by doing a DOK infused PBL based on a fictional character. In the third quarter we transition to a non-fiction PBL with a focus on non-profit organizations in our area. In the last quarter we complete a 2-week long SURVIVOR PBL where students demonstrate the skills learned throughout the year in the HPT classroom.

**OUR STEPS** include a comprehensive fundraiser to help support the creation of the HPT classroom. The teachers are trained through the district on DOK in the classroom. We have a district curriculum that the teachers are able to incorporate the HPT ideology into. We have several teacher-collaboration dates that the teachers work together as a team to build experiences that meet the needs of our HPT students.

### IN OUR OWN WORDS

"Our HPT room has a plethora of tools that have made tremendous and positive differences with my students. I saw evidence of creative and deep thinking as they were able to brainstorm, discuss, and plan together." **Dorcas Curry, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**

"The HPT classroom was really helpful and fun. I really liked how easy it was to collaborate with my team."  
**Emma Eicher, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student**

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